1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14.	Manipur	11.50	11.51	12.00	12.01	12.00	12.50	12.86
15.	Meghalaya	3.79	3.98	4.00	3.96	4.20	3.58	5.00
16.	Mizoram	3.80	2.50	2.50	2.00	3.00	2.50	3.00
17.	Nagaland	2.00	1.82	2.00	2.50	2.30	3.00	5.15
18.	Orissa	231.00	232.28	220.00	257.66	248.00	258.04	258.56
19.	Punjab	17.00	19.00	22.00	24.00	25.00	26.00	30.00
20.	Rajasthan	12.00	12.22	13.00	13.97	15.00	12.40	15.10
21.	Sikkim	0.01	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.14
22.	Tamil Nadu	422.00	424.92	460.00	438.50	472.00	448.00	480.00
23.	Tripura	27.00	24.50	30.00	25.10	27.00	25.71	27.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	125.00	132.37	120.00	139.90	140.00	145.70	148.00
25.	West Bengal	780.50	806.00	795.00	820.42	841.00	893.00	869.00
26.	UTs/Others	154.90	121.73	157.20	122.43	128.20	125.78	129.19
	Total	4572.00	4644.36	4750.00	4788.55	4950.00	4949.39	5140.00

*The achievement in 1996-97 will be known after the year is over.

Trade Policy

3742. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have rationalised their trade policy in order to boost the agriculture exports, giving remunerative prices to farmers, increasing foreign exchange earning and to provide essential commodities to the consumers at the reasonable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide the facilities for the import of agriculture products?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) In the regime of liberalisation, the trade policy review is a continuous process with the prime objective of safeguarding the interests of the country as also the farmers and consumers. The Trade Policy aims at maximising the foreign exchange earnings as well as to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers keeping, however, in view the sufficient availability of essential commodities of mass consumption at reasonable prices.

The steps taken to enhance exports of agricultural and allied products, include simplification of inspection procedures, removal of minimum export price and quantity restrictions on selected items, provision of concessional credit, product development to meet international needs, extension of benefits available under the scheme of Export Oriented Units/Export Processing Zones to agriculture sector and permitting 50% sale in the domestic tariff area, assistance to exporters for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control, campaigns, arranging buyer-seller meets, participation in international Fairs/Exhibitions etc.

[English]

Visa to Kashmiri Born Pakistanis

3743. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri born Pakistani citizens granted visa for India;

(b) whether they have been denied entry into Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of National and State Emblems

3744. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 prohibits the use of the National Emblem by former Members of Parliament and State Emblem by former Members of the State legislatures;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the violation of the Act by a large number of former Members of Parliament and former Members of the State Legislatures;

(c) if so, whether any action has been initiated against such violators; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Translation]

Women Voluntary Organisations

3745. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of the women voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh receiving aid from the Central Funds;

(b) the schemes formulated by these women voluntary organisations for the social upliftment of Scheduled Caste Women; and

(c) the financial assistance provided during the last year for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Minimum Statutory Price of Sugarcane

3746. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has turned down the proposal of the Prime Minister to raise the Minimum Statutory Price of sugarcane all over the country from Rs. 45.90 per quintal to Rs. 100 per quintal;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have also taken a decision not to raise the levy price of sugar at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have decided to fix the retail issue price of sugar to be distributed through Public Distribution System at Rs. 10.50 per kg. w.e.f. 10.2.1997 for reducing the element of subsidy in the distribution of sugar through Public Distribution System.

Import of Edible Oils under Open General Licence

3747. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oils allowed to be imported under the Open General Licence during 1996-97; and

(b) the concessions given for the import of edible oils during this period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) At present import of all edible oils except Coconut Oil, Palm Kernel Oil, RBD Palm Oil and RBD Palm Stearin is allowed under Open General Licence (OGL). No quantitative ceiling has been prescribed for import of edible oils under OGL.

(b) The duty on import of edible oil under OGL was reduced from 30% to 22% in July, 1996 under the General Budget for 1996-97.

Foreign Investment

3748. DR. A.K. PATEL :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects involving direct foreign investment approved and set up by the Government in the agriculture sector since 1991;